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TRANSMITTAL OF FILING UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

1. **Type of Application**

This new application for a

☐ Continuation

☒ Divisional

application under 37 CFR 1.53(b), of pending prior application Serial No. 09/585,867, which was filed on June 1, 2000, of Lewis George Gradon, Stephen William McPhee; Paul John Seakins and Peter John Leonard and entitled "RESPIRATORY HUMIDIFICATION SYSTEM" which is a divisional of United States patent application Serial No. 09/097,832, filed on June 16, 1998, of Lewis George Gradon, Stephen William McPhee; Paul John Seakins and Peter John Leonard and entitled "Respiratory Humidification System" now United States patent number 6,349,722, issued February 26, 2002.

2. **Benefit of Prior U.S. Application(s)**

☒ The new application being transmitted claims the benefit of prior U.S. application(s).

☒ Amend the specification by inserting on the first page, after the title:

This application is a divisional application of Serial No. 09/585,867, filed on June 1, 2000, and entitled "Respiratory Humidification System" which is a divisional of United States patent application Serial No. 09/097,832, filed on June 16, 1998, entitled "Respiratory Humidification System" now United States patent number 6,349,722, issued February 26, 2002.

3. **Papers Enclosed**

☒ 25 pages of specification

☒ 4 page of claims

☒ 1 page of Abstract

☒ 6 sheets of formal drawings

[X ] 2 pages of *executed* declaration and power of attorney.

[X ] 3 pages of an Application Data Sheet

4. **Amendments**

[ ] A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.

5. **Information Disclosure Statement**

[X] An Information Disclosure Statement is submitted herewith.

6. **Fee Calculation (37 CFR 1.16)**

CLAIMS AS FILED			
Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee
			\$ 750.00
Total Claims 33	13	x \$ 18.00	\$ 234 .00
Independent Claims 2	0	x \$ 84.00	\$ .00
Multiple dependent claim(s), if any		+ \$280.00	\$ 280.00
Filing Fee Calculation		\$	\$ 1264.00

7. **Small Entity Status**

[ ] Applicant hereby asserts status as a Small Entity under 37 C.F.R. §1.27

8. **Inventorship Statement**

(a) With respect to the prior co-pending U.S. application from which this application claims benefit under 35 USC 120, the inventor(s) in this application is (are):

[ X ] the same

[ ] less than those named in the prior application. It is requested that the following inventors identified above for the prior application be deleted:

(b) The inventorship for the claims in this application is:

[X] the same.

[ ] not the same. And an explanation, including the ownership of the various claims at the time the last claimed invention was made, is submitted.

9. **Assignment**

[X] The prior application is assigned of record to

Fisher & Paykel Limited, 78 Springs Road, East Tamaki, Auckland, New Zealand

10. **Fee Payment Being Made At This Time**

- ☒ basic filing fee: \$ 1264.00  
☐ recording assignment (\$40.00; 37 CFR 1.21(h))  
(See attached "COVER SHEET FOR ASSIGNMENT ACCOMPANYING NEW  
PATENT APPLICATION".)  
☐ processing and retention fee (\$130.00; 37 CFR 1.53(d) and 1.21(l)).

11. **Method of Payment of Fees**

- ☒ A check in the amount of \$1264.00

12. **Authorization To Charge Additional Fees**

- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following additional fees  
which may be required by this paper and during the entire pendency of the  
application to Account No. 20-1495.  
☒ 37 CFR 1.16(a), (f) or (g) (filing fees)  
☒ 37 CFR 1.16(b), (c) and (d) (presentation of extra claims)  
☐ 37 CFR 1.17 (application processing fees)

13. **Power of Attorney**

- ☒ The power of attorney in the prior application is to  
Raiford A. Blackstone, Jr., Reg. No. 25,156  
a. ☒ The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.  
Enclosed herewith is a copy of the Power as originally filed on June 1,  
2000.  
b. ☐ Because the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the  
power in the prior application is enclosed.  
c. ☐ A new power has been executed and is attached.  
d. ☒ Address all future communications to:

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14. **Petition for Extension of Time in Prior Application**

- ☐ A petition for extension of time and an amendment was filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
with the pending parent application to extend the date for response up to and  
including \_\_\_\_\_.  
☐ A copy of the petition for extension of time in the pending parent application is  
attached.

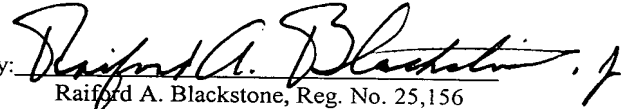
Respectfully submitted,

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